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Board of County Commissioners
Clark County
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Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to notify you that the Cowlitz Tribe has requested that the 151.87-acre tract that the Tribe has requested be taken in trust for the Tribe by the United States of America, also be proclaimed the initial reservation of the Tribe by the Secretary of the Interior. The statutory authority for such proclamation is provided by Section 7 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, 25 U.S.C. Section 467.

The Tribe's fee to trust application remains unchanged and is currently under environmental review. This is to notify you that the property will also be considered for "Reservation Status" when and if the property is accepted into trust status.

Requests for additional information and any comments on the proposed proclamation should be addressed to the Regional Director, Northwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169. Any comments received within 30 days of the date of this letter will be considered. Your comments will be made available to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs. You will be notified of the Assistant Secretary's determination.

Sincerely,

Northwest Regional Director